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CIRCUIT AND METHOD FOR EXCHANGING SIGNALS BETWEEN

NETWORK NODES

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits and calculation of the filing fee, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claim 3, line 1, delete "or 2".

Claim 4, line1, delete ", 2 or 3".

Claim 5, line 1, delete ", 2, 3 or 4".

Claim 7, line 1, delete ", 4, 5 or 6".

Claim 9, line 3, delete "any one of claims 1 to 8", insert --claim 1--.

Please add the following new claims:

√-18. The transceiver circuit of claim 2, ¢haracterised in that said predefined time interval is equal to a turnaround time of said transmission medium.